

Charge for NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) Review of NTP Study Nominations and Draft Research Concepts

Action requested:

The BSC will review and comment on a draft NTP research concept. A research concept is a brief document outlining the nomination or study rationale, and the significance, study approach, and expected outcome of a proposed research program tailored for each nomination. The purpose of these research concepts is to outline the general elements of a program of study that would address the specific issues that prompted the nomination, but also encompass studies that may address larger public health issues, or topics in toxicology that could be appropriately addressed through studies on the nominated agent.

Specific charge questions:

- Is a clear and valid rationale for the proposed research program articulated in the NTP research concept document?
- Does the proposed research program address an important area of biomedical research (e.g. children's health, genetic susceptibility, specific environmental disease) and/or advance the field of environmental health sciences?
- Is the proposed research program as outlined in the research concept document appropriate in scope given the public health importance of the issue or substance proposed for study? Are there other studies that should be considered as part of this research program?
- Does the proposed research program merit utilization of NTP resources, and if so, what priority (low, moderate, or high) should it be given?

Review materials provided:

- Summary table of nominations and preliminary study recommendations
- Draft NTP research concepts
- Nomination supporting documents (on CD only)
- Public comments received (on CD only)